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NOTE VERBALE DATED 8 JULY 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 5 and 7 July 1993, there appear to have been nine flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as an annex to the present note.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 646.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(5-7 July 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, Speed, Altitude
660	5 July	0927	0927	A Tuzla United Nations Military Observer visiting Dubrave airfield (3 kilometres west of Tuzla) observed a white and blue MI-8 helicopter in flight near the airfield. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Slow Low
661	5 July	1049	1113	UNPROFOR officers standing on the apron at Dubrave airfield witnessed an acrobatic flying display performed by a UTVA-75 fixed-wing trainer aircraft. The pilot told the observers the flight was needed as a post-maintenance check. The existence of the no-fly zone was mentioned to the pilot and local command to no avail. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Overhead airfield Slow/medium Low
662	5 July	1729	1758	NATO fighters reported an MI-8 helicopter on the ground 2 kilometres south of Sarajevo with approximately 30 people standing around it. The helicopter had a white and blue stripe on the middle of the fuselage with a small red cross between the stripe and the engine. The fighters detected the take-off of this helicopter and maintained radar and visual contact. Radio warnings were issued. When the helicopter flew into Zenica, contact was lost. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow Low
663	5/6 July	2330	0350	UNPROFOR authorized a CASEVAC flight from Split (in Croatia) to Vitez (in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats) and return with an intermediate stop at Rumboci (an area controlled by Bosnian Croats). The flight was requested by the Croatian Air Force through the ECMM Split representative. Upon landing at Rumboci at 051910Z, the pilot informed Split Airfield Monitor that he would remain in Rumboci until 060500Z-0600Z because of engine trouble. NATO fighters reported a contact along the axis of the CASEVAC route at 052330Z. Intermittent contact was reported until the helicopter finally landed at Split at 060350Z after having apparently flown the full extent of its planned route. Split Airfield Monitor confirmed that the helicopter landing at Split was in fact the CASEVAC flight. Because the Split landing time was not known until after it happened, no inspection was possible at the Split hospital. Due to the lack of notification and failure to adhere to the laid down guidelines for CASEVAC flights, this flight is assessed as an apparent violation.	N/A

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664	6 July	1117	1131	NATO fighters reported radar and visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter 15 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. The helicopter continued and landed in Zenica on a concrete pad before radio warning could be issued. The fighters monitored the helicopter on the ground until leaving for operational reasons. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Slow 200 to 2,000 feet
665	6 July	1659	1722	NATO fighters reported radar and visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe 6 kilometres north of Tuzla. The helicopter landed south-west of Tuzla at the Visca quarry. NATO fighters observed three vehicles and approximately 30 people at the landing site. Several people were observed exiting the helicopter. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Low
666	7 July	1048	1053	NATO fighters reported radar and visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and Red Cross markings 28 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. AWACS issued radio warnings, and the helicopter landed at Dubrave (Tuzla) airfield. The fighters stayed over the airfield until the helicopter shut down. Military Observers at the airfield confirmed the sighting of this aircraft. This flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow 3,000 feet to landing
667 668	7 July	1826	1840	NATO fighters reported radar and visual contact with two MI-8 helicopters 26 kilometres south-west of Tuzla. Following radio warnings, both helicopters landed at Dubrave airfield and shut down. Approximately 100 people were observed surrounding the helicopters. These flights occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east 100 knots Low